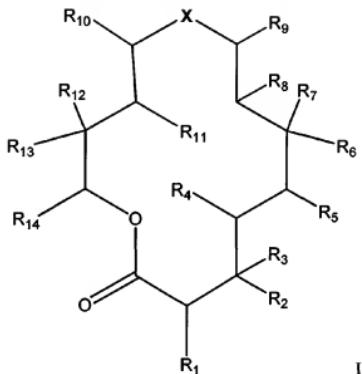


Amendments to the Claims:

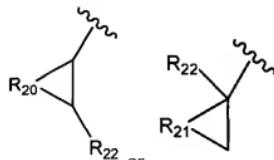
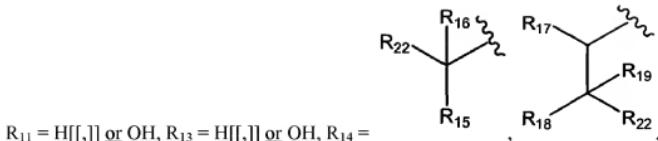
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 – 31 (Cancelled).

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A compound according to formula I below:



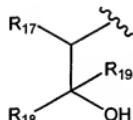
wherein X = -C(=O)-, -CH(OH)- or -CH₂-; R₁, R₄, R₆, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₂ are each independently H, CH₃ or CH₂CH₃; R₂ = OH or a glycosyl group selected from the group consisting of *O*-cladinose, *O*-mycarose, *O*-rhamnose, 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bismethyl 2',3'-bis-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl rhamnose, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose, *O*-oleandrose, *O*-desosamine, *O*-mycarminose *O*-mycaminose, and *O*-angulosamine and *O*-megosamine; R₃ = H, or R₂ and R₃ together are keto; R₅ = OH or a glycosyl group selected from the group consisting of *O*-cladinose, *O*-mycarose, *O*-rhamnose, 2'-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bismethyl 2',3'-bis-*O*-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl 2',3',4'-tris-*O*-methyl rhamnose, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose, *O*-oleandrose, *O*-desosamine, *O*-mycarminose *O*-mycaminose, and *O*-angulosamine and *O*-megosamine; R₇ = H[.,.] or OH; R₈ = H[.,.] or OH;



where: R_{15} is H or a C₁-C₇ alkyl group or C₄-C₇ cycloalkyl group; R_{16} is H, a C₁-C₇ alkyl group or C₄-C₇ cycloalkyl group, R_{17} , R_{18} and R_{19} are each independently H or a C₁-C₇ alkyl group or R_{20} or R_{21} are $(CH_2)_x$, where x = 2-5 and R_{22} is O- R_{23} where R_{23} = H or a C₁ to C₇ alkyl group or C₁-C₇ acyl group; or R_{22} and R_{16} together are a keto group; or R_{22} and R_{19} together are a keto group;

~~alternatives from the group: CO, CH(OH), alkene-CH, and CH₂;~~ with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

- (a) when R_2 = OH, *O*-cladinose or *O*-mycarose and R_5 is OH or *O*-desosamine
- (b) when $R_1 = R_4 = R_6 = R_9 = R_{10} = R_{12} = CH_3$, R_3 = H, R_2 = *O*-oleandrose, R_5 =



O-desosamine, R_7 = OH, R_8 = R_{13} = H and R_{14} = $= H$, where $R_{17} = R_{18} = R_{19}$

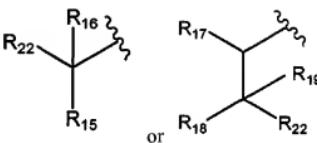
- (c) when R_2 or R_5 = *O*-mycaminose
- (d) when R_2 or R_5 = *O*-angolosamine.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 32 wherein R_2 is selected from the group consisting of *O*-cladinose, *O*-mycarose, *O*-rhamnose, *2'-O*-methyl rhamnose, *2',3'-bis-O*-methyl rhamnose, *2',3',4'-tris-O*-methyl rhamnose, and methylated derivatives thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliocse or and *O*-oleandrose.

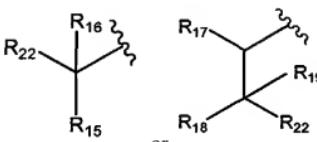
Claim 34 (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 33 wherein R₂ is a said methylated derivative selected from the group consisting of 2'-O-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bis-O-methyl rhamnose and 2',3',4'-tris-O-methyl rhamnose.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 32, wherein R₅ is a glycosyl group selected from *O*-mycaminose and *O*-angulosamine.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 32, where X = -C(=O)-, R₁ = R₄ = R₆ = R₉ = R₁₀ = R₁₂ = CH₃, R₂ = OH, *O*-rhamnose, 2'-O-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bis-O-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-tris-O-methyl rhamnose, or a methylated derivative thereof, O-digitoxose, O-olivose, O-oliose or O-oleandrose, R₃ = H, R₅ = OH, O-mycaminose or O-angulosamine; R₇ = H[[.]] or OH; R₈ = H[[.]] or OH, OCH₃; R₁₁ =


H[[.]] or OH; R₁₃ = H[[.]] or OH; R₁₄ =
R₁₅ = H, CH₃, or CH₂CH₃ and R₁₆ is H; or R₁₇ and R₁₈ are each independently H or CH₃;
R₁₉ is H and R₂₂ is OH.

Claim 37 (Original): A compound according to claim 36, where X = -C(=O)-, R₁ = R₄ = R₆ = R₉ = R₁₀ = R₁₂ = CH₃, R₂ = OH, *O*-rhamnose, 2'-O-methyl rhamnose, 2',3'-bis-O-methyl rhamnose, 2',3',4'-tris-O-methyl rhamnose, or a methylated derivative thereof, O-digitoxose, O-olivose, O-oliose or O-oleandrose; R₃ = H; R₅ = OH, O-mycaminose or O-angulosamine; R₇ = H[[.]] or OH; R₈ = H[[.]] or OH, OCH₃; R₁₁ = H[[.]] or OH; R₁₃ =


H[[.]] or OH; R₁₄ =
or R₁₇ = R₁₈ = R₁₉ = H and R₂₂ is OH.